Application No. 10/628,259

<u>REMARKS</u>

The Examiner has required Applicant to restrict this application to one of the

following inventions:

١. Claims 2 and 10, wherein component (B) is an ionic compound;

11. Claims 3-4 and 11-12; wherein component (B) is a sulfur compound;

III. Claims 5 and 13; wherein component (B) is a coenzyme having

reducing ability; or

IV. Claims 6 and 14, wherein component (B) is an agent having oxidizing

ability.

Applicant hereby selects Invention I, set forth in claims 2 and 10, wherein

component (B) is an ionic compound. Applicant reserves the right to submit any

Divisional patent applications directed toward the non-selected invention.

An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved

by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local

attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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